

size of the network-based transaction facility and a type of operation of the network-based transaction facility.

Conditional upon acceptance and entry of this Suggested Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute Group 1 (Claims 1-26 and 30-37). In addition, upon acceptance and entry of this Suggested Restriction Requirement, then the remaining claims, those of Group II and III, are hereby immediately cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce such cancelled claims in this application or present such claims in a later filed application. Since such cancellation is being made before a first Office action on the merits, Applicant reserves the right to request a refund for any excess claim fees of the cancelled claims.

Request for Telephonic Interview

Regardless of the treatment of this Suggested Restriction Requirement, Applicant's representative Gregg Peacock respectfully requests a telephonic interview with the Examiner. Applicant believes that an interview may be beneficial in considering the Suggested Restriction Requirement and to afford Applicant an opportunity to cancel or amend any non-elected claims before issuance of a first Office action on the merits in order to preserve Applicant's ability to request a refund of the excess claim fees of the non-elected claims. Applicant's representative can be reached at 612-371-2103.

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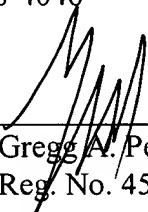
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